

REMARKS

As a supplement to the Amendment filed on January 9, 2007, Applicants have amended claims 11-13 to clarify the claimed invention. As a result of this Amendment, claims 1-38 remain pending.

Applicants appreciate the courteous efforts of the Examiner and his Supervisor to expedite prosecution of this application during the personal interview on March 29, 2007. During the interview, the Examiners indicated that the pending claims 1-38 appeared to be allowable over the prior art of record subject to further search and consideration. The Examiners also indicated that they would withdraw the outstanding grounds for rejection of claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiners further indicated that they would withdraw the outstanding grounds for rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. With respect to claims 11-13, the Examiners indicated that certain amendments would obviate the outstanding grounds for rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In light of this indication, Applicants have amended claims 11-13 to obviate the Examiners' concerns by making it clear that these claims call for the "display" of a "pass/fail judgment." Finally, Applicants have amended claim 11 by deleting the phrase "program wherein the judgment program causes a computer to carry out" to make it clear that this claim simply calls for a "pass/fail judgment method." Accordingly, each of the pending claims 1-38 are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of all the pending claims 1-38. Should it be necessary to resolve any additional concerns and expedite

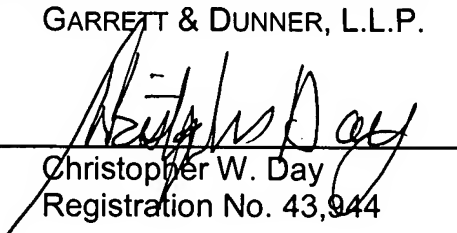
the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at (202) 408-6052.

Please grant any extension of time to the extent required to enter this response and charge any fees required to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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